

Amendment Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.111  
USSN 10/509,625  
Attorney Docket Q83943  
November 14, 2005

**REMARKS**

Claims 8-12 are all the claims pending in the application.

In the last Office Action, Claim 1 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite. Claims 1 and 4 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Eckerle (US Patent 3,331,258). Claims 2 and 3 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Eckerle in view of Joma-Polytec GMBH (Publicatino Number DE 29,810,548). Claims 5-7 were indicated as being directed to allowable subject matter.

Claims 1-7 inclusive have been canceled without prejudice in order to advance the prosecution of the present application and new Claims 8-12 inclusive have been substituted therefore. New independent Claim 8 is a combination of original Claims 1, 4 and 5. Selected limitations were included from Claim 1, all of the limitations of Claim 4 and all of the limitations of allowable Claim 5 are incorporated into new independent Claim 8. Claims 9 and 10 correspond to original Claims 2 and 3 and are dependent from Claim 8 and 9 respectively. New Claims 11 and 12 correspond to allowable Claims 6 and 7 and are each dependent from new Claim 8. Since new Claim 8 contains the allowable limitations of original Claim 5, it is submitted that Claims 8-12 inclusive are allowable and it is respectfully requested that these Claims be allowed and the application passed to issue forthwith.


Since the due date for responding fell on a holiday Friday, the filing of this amendment on Monday, November 14, 2005 is still considered timely filed.

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In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account.

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